

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DAVID NELSON,  
MENDOCINO COUNTY SUPERIOR  
COURT JUDGE

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 2017*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Honorable Judge David Nelson as he retires from Mendocino County Superior Court.

David Nelson was born in Rochester, Minnesota. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University in 1968 and received his Juris Doctorate in 1971 from Yale Law School. He began practicing law as the Deputy Public Defender for Contra Costa County for three years before eventually starting his private practice.

In 2003 he was appointed to a judgeship with Mendocino County Superior Court by Governor Gray Davis and was re-elected for two terms in 2004 and 2010. Over his thirteen years of service, Judge Nelson presided over criminal, felony criminal, and juvenile courts. Most notably, he has been an avid supporter for the Adult Drug Court serving as its judge throughout his career. This program, which provides treatment and rehabilitation for drug offenders, has helped many individuals across Mendocino County. In addition to his official duties, Judge Nelson has served as President of the Mendocino County Bar Association, President of the Mendocino County Criminal Defense Bar Association, and Board Member of the Law Library. He and his wife Judith are known for their active involvement with many groups throughout the community.

Judge Nelson's legacy is one of dedicated service to the County of Mendocino and worthy of distinction. Please join me in congratulating him on his retirement and expressing our deep appreciation for his long and exceptional career and outstanding contributions to our legal system.

### CONGRATULATING THE REFUGIO BOBCATS

### HON. BLAKE FARENTHOLD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 2017*

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, on a lighter note, I'd like to congratulate Coach Jason Herring and the Refugio Bobcats football team for winning their fourth state championship.

The Bobcats had a 15–1 record this school year and defeated Crawford in the championship game 23–20 in an impressive game-winning 18-yard field goal by kicker Diego Gonzales with only eight seconds remaining.

Quarterback Jacobe Avery was Championship Game offensive MVP and Linebacker

Kobie Herring was named defensive MVP. This was an impressive year for the whole team. Winning is a Refugio tradition. The Bobcats have won the state championship in 1970, 1982, 2011 and have been in the state championship three out of the past four years and now in 2016 the Bobcats are once again state champions. Way to go Refugio.

Members of the 2016 Refugio Bobcat Championship Team:

Donavon Bailey, Dhairesus Nobbie, Jaylon Mascorro, Jeffrey Owens, Robert Ortiz, Juan Martinez, Trent Ross, Devon Tilley, Chris Moya, Jackson Carroll, Ysidro Mascorro, Tayvin Castellano, D'Mond LaFond, Jeremy Borjas, Casey Henderson, Kobie Herring, Armonie Brown, Jacobe Avery, Trey Upton, Prentiss Jones, Trace Mascorro, Kevin Plascencia, Gayton Wills, Austin Moya, Daniel Valdez, Trevor Ross, Oswaldo Martinez, Jared Kelley, Ivan Tagle, Russell Jaso, Matthew Castillo, Diego Gonzales, Chris Vela, Kaleb Henning, Cipi Solis, Jamel LaFond, Oscar Lerma, Michael Moore, Joseph Montemayor, Johnathan Havens, Thomas Keyes, Alex Rodriguez, Arthur Morales, Anthony Delgado, Alfredo Villarreal, Jonathan Flores, Robert Montalvo, Ruben Gallegos, Jake Tinsman, Jacob Thompson, Thomas Marsh, Tyler Repka, Kaleb Wright, Dareon Wills, Jarren Gonzales, Corbin Brown, Colten Hesseltine, Devin Flores, Sylvester Henderson, Fernando Cordero, Mikey Firova, Jordy Martinez, Daniel Bailey, Jaden Hubbard, Dillon Bailey, Eric Garcia, Daniel Quesada, Daryon Ramirez.

Head Coach: Jason Herring.

Assistant Coaches: Drew Cox, Eli Boxell, Anthony Quintanilla, Darren Hunkapillar, Cameron Cox, Kent Hawthorne, Joe Bob Ratliff, Jarod Kay.

### CONGRATULATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

### HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 2017*

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island on its fiftieth anniversary. It is my honor to recognize the club and all of its members on this important milestone, which marks the lasting contributions its members have made, and continue to make, toward the lives of a whole host of people through their work, most of whom they will never personally know. They range from buying the first ambulance for Hilton Head Island, to members providing dental care on trips to Chile and Romania. They have raised money and helped with many other local groups, such as the Deep Well Project, Happy Feet, and Memory Matters, but my point here is this is a group that has consistently done great work for others in our community.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders dedicated to high ethical standards and humanitarian service. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries. Since receiving its charter on April 13, 1967, the Rotary Club of Hilton Head has embraced the high ideals of Rotary. The members of the club have developed opportunities for service and maintained high ethical standards in business and professional ventures, and done countless things to improve the quality of life on Hilton Head Island and beyond. With that, I would again ask that you please join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island on its fiftieth anniversary and in wishing its members the best of luck as they continue their work and service to others.

### HONORING MR. EDWARD DIOKNO

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 2017*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague Rep. MARK DESAULNIER, rise today to honor Edward Diokno upon his retirement after 12 years of service with Contra Costa County. Mr. Diokno currently serves as Deputy Chief of Staff to Supervisor Federal Glover and has been a thoughtful policymaker and committed voice for Filipino Americans in the County.

Mr. Diokno is a lifelong East County resident with a passion for serving our community. He served our country in the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and later joined the Army Reserves. Mr. Diokno then worked as a journalist for 28 years with the Philippine News, Oakland Tribune, and Contra Costa Times where he reported on politics and policy-making.

Upon joining the County, Mr. Diokno served as a Senior Field Representative and then a Policy Analyst before stepping into his current position with Supervisor Glover. In his various roles, Mr. Diokno facilitated the County's first recognition of the contributions of Filipino Americans, developed small business initiatives, and worked with committees and advisory bodies developing health policy at the county level. He also served as the principal liaison to Bay Point, the County's largest unincorporated community.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Diokno has served our country and our county and his legacy sets a high standard to which other public servants should aspire. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

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ON THE RETIREMENT OF MS. CARMEN SOLOMON-FEARS AFTER A 39-YEAR CAREER OF SERVICE AT THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE (CRS)

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 2017*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Carmen Solomon-Fears on the occasion of her retirement from a lifetime of dedicated service at the Congressional Research Service. Carmen's knowledge of American social policy, and especially in recent years involving the complex and important child support enforcement program, is nothing short of encyclopedic. Indeed, in stretching back to the late 1970s, Carmen's career at CRS spans most of the history of the child support enforcement program as well as other key social welfare programs of our time like SSI and TANF/AFDC. So if at times it seemed like Carmen was personally familiar with every word, comma, and footnote in the Social Security Act, it may be because she helped write so much of it during her outstanding career.

And what history she has seen and helped shape during that time. From the 1988 Family Support Act to the landmark 1996 Welfare Reform Law to the 2005 Deficit Reduction Act, Carmen has played a key role in all of the major social welfare reform legislation of the past generation. But she has done more than just assist Congress in crafting the law. She has worked diligently to help us explain what detailed provisions of law mean to real people, both through her interactions with our personal office staff as well as her summaries of child support and other program policies that appeared in CRS reports as well as literally dozens of issues of the Ways and Means Green Book. This all speaks to her outstanding skills in legislation and policymaking. But there is much more to Carmen than that. She is truly one of the nicest people you will meet on Capitol Hill, or any other place for that matter. Her ready smile, easy laugh, and thoughtful counsel are a key part of her success, putting people on both sides of the partisan aisle at ease in trusting her always sound guidance.

On behalf of especially the many Members of the Committee on Ways and Means who benefitted from her thoughtful work over her decades of service, I say thank you and congratulations to Carmen on an outstanding career. She truly has made a difference, which is a testament to her wisdom, hard work, and dedication in everything she does. I wish her nothing but the very best for all that awaits her in the future.

IN HONOR OF DAVID POYTHRESS

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 2017*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding civic leader, public servant of Georgia, and friend of longstanding, David Bryan

Poythress. Sadly, David passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

A Georgia man through and through, David Poythress was born in Bibb County on October 24, 1943 to John Maynor Poythress, head of Macon's water department, and Dorothy Bayne Poythress, a school teacher and the founder of Georgia's special education program. His parents' dedication to public service would inspire David from a young age to pursue public service himself.

David earned a political science degree, law degree, and commission as a U.S. Air Force officer at Emory University in the 1960s. In 1967, he entered active duty as an assistant staff judge advocate at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Texas. He served four years on active duty, volunteering for service in Vietnam and spending a year as defense counsel and chief of military justice at Da Nang Air Base. After active duty, he served in the Air Force Reserve, retiring in 1998 with the rank of Brigadier General.

Before seeking elected office, David made a name for himself serving as an assistant attorney general, Deputy State Revenue Commissioner, and chairman of a study committee formed by Governor George Busbee to study nursing home reimbursements from Medicaid. These roles, in addition to his tenure as the first Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Medical Assistance, led to him being nicknamed the "Mr. Fix It" of state government.

In 1979, Governor Busbee appointed David Secretary of State after the death of incumbent Ben Forston. In 1982, David ran for a full term as Secretary of State but was defeated in the Democratic Primary. He took a 10-year break from politics to practice law in Atlanta.

In 1992, he won a special statewide election for Labor Commissioner and two years later, he was elected to a full four-year term. In 1999, Governor Roy Barnes appointed David to lead the Georgia Army and Air National Guard. In 2002, Governor Sonny Perdue reappointed him and promoted him to Lieutenant General, making him Georgia's first three-star Adjutant General.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that David Poythress passed this way and during his life's journey did so much for so many for so long. He devoted many years of dedicated service to the people of Georgia through his meaningful contribution of energy, skill, and genuine passion, and for it, he will be remembered for years to come.

David Poythress accomplished much in his life but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of his wife, Elizabeth; son, Cullen Gray Poythress; stepdaughters, Candace Pinnisi and Kristin Placito; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, salute David Bryan Poythress for his outstanding public service and his everlasting commitment to improving the quality of life for our citizens. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join us in extending our deepest condolences to David's family and friends during this difficult time. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith

and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 2017*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 250th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of East Hampton, Connecticut. The citizens of this community will celebrate this anniversary with a series of festivities occurring over the course of the year.

East Hampton's resiliency has been demonstrated since their earliest days. In 1739, the original settlers, led by Isaac Smith, braved the wilderness of the Northeast to settle along the east bank of the Connecticut River. The town was originally named Chatham in 1767, commemorating its robust shipbuilding economy, but was later renamed to East Hampton in 1915.

The Town of East Hampton has retained much of its old-time charm and beauty for which many New England communities are so famous and it remains the embodiment of community and tradition. Since its resurrection in 1978, thousands of residents and visitors attend the town's Old Home Days glorious celebration. The celebration, which spans three days, fills the streets of East Hampton with live music, delicious food, carnival rides, and concludes with the highly anticipated Old Home Day parade.

East Hampton also has a rich history of honoring its military community. From hosting Yellow Ribbon Ceremonies for departing and returning veterans to erecting the Veterans Memorial Monument, which honors over 2,000 East Hampton veterans, East Hampton has always bestowed the greatest honor upon their veterans.

East Hampton was also the hometown of Connecticut's 84th governor William O'Neill who served in that position from 1980 to 1991. Governor O'Neill was a leader in strengthening Connecticut's public education system, healthcare for seniors, and fixing Connecticut's roads. He was a Korean War Veteran and longtime legislator before ascending to the governor's office. Despite his amazing service he never lost touch with regular people, and I believe it was due to the fact that he and his wife Nikki, always kept their home in East Hampton, where Nikki still resides today.

Mr. Speaker, for 250 years East Hampton and its residents have persevered and flourished through shifting economic, political, and social landscapes. The enthusiasm and amiability from East Hampton's citizens is truly telling of their pride and sense of community. On this anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me and my constituents with honoring and celebrating this 250th Anniversary.